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Submit the following for Monday, the 27th day of September, 1926.

Nothing stirring here in re of witnesses today only as the Reporters say the same old thing; - Underwood expects a new witness, but none appears.

During a conversation with a reporter of the "Graphic" called "Jake", he being a Hebrew, the following took place, he said they had to compete with the "Mirror" and it was a hard thing to do, to make up a story when one had nothing to make one up from; yet they would have to make one up any way if not you were let go quick, also told me there were twenty (20) reporters in New Brunswick and from 10 to 15 here in Somerville, the Mirror has five in Brunswick and two of them take pictures, other three get and make exciting stories, the News has three reporters there and five in Somerville, the "Graphic" has three reporters in Brunswick and two in Somerville, there between the Journal, World and other papers would make up the 20 in Brunswick and balance in Somerville; therefore as the above statement proves, the stories regarding so many witnesses they have as they numbered them as 47.

Also at 1:30 P.M. all reporters met in Hotel Somerville and appointed a committee to see Judge Parker regarding some 140 seats for all reporters for different papers, and during their conversation they, or rather some of them, wanted to bar out the Plainfield paper owing to them not being with Prosecutor, said objection was defeated by the News reporter, stating that they were newspaper men. At 2:30 P.M., after a very heated argument, they adjourned until 5:30 P.M., when committee was to report. At 5:45 P.M. committee reported and from conversation Judge Parker had not decided how many seats could be spared for them but looked as though they will have to go up in the gallery, and further it looks as though he will not permit pictures taken in court; which all reporters went up in the air, and stated if he got cold towards them he would be sorry; St. Louis and Chicago papers reporters were mentioned, this was defeated by majority saying they are out of town, let them take their chances, we are looking after our own papers here.

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